

TWO MORE DAYS FOR SANTA FUND

Misses Ramser and Giles Address Final Notice to Public for Argus Committee.

DON'T FORGET OBLIGATION

Those Furnished Names of Poor Children Should be Careful to Fulfill Trust—Big Day at Colonial.

To the Good People of Rock Island—Through The Rock Island Argus an effort is being made again this year to have every poor child in the city of Rock Island, to whom Christmas might otherwise be a dreary rather than a happy day, remembered. The undersigned, at the request of The Argus, have this year again cheerfully consented to undertake the responsibility of seeing that no needy child is neglected and that such moneys as are contributed to The Argus Santa Claus Fund be properly expended and distributed. Every one who takes upon himself or herself the responsibility of playing the role of Santa Claus to children whose names are furnished by us, takes that much of a burden from our shoulders and leaves that much more money to be expended from the general fund. Hence what we want now to impress upon all who are interested in this endeavor is first, that all who have agreed to take care of children whose names have been furnished by the committee to fail not in their tasks under any circumstances, as the children assigned them will not be looked after otherwise. Last year not one of the people who asked for names and received them failed in their obligation. We trust there will be no disappointments this year.

One thing more that we wish to ask is that anyone who may know of poor children in the city who might otherwise be overlooked send the name of the family and street address to The Argus Santa Claus Committee not later than Wednesday evening of this week. Great care has been exercised in the endeavor to see that there are no oversights, but we are anxious to adopt every precaution in order to be absolutely certain.

The Argus Santa Claus Fund Committee

DINA RAMSER, Chairman.
MARGARET GILES, Secy.

Begin Buying Tomorrow.

Purchase of gifts for the poor children of the city will be begun tomorrow by Misses Ramser and Giles. This task they expect to have completed by Friday night. The purchases will be delivered at the Association house, on Seventeenth street. There they will be classified and addressed, and Saturday they will be sent to the homes they are intended for. Automobiles will be used in making deliveries to the different parts of the city. Miss Ramser will be in charge of one of the machines and Miss Giles of the other. They will have the assistance of a number of ladies connected with the Association House work.

The Argus Santa Claus Fund committee work this year has been thoroughly systematized, and there is no reason why any poor child of the city should suffer a cheerless Christmas. There has been a generous response in subscriptions, while scores have been furnished poor children's names by the committee. If there remains any money after the gifts have been bought for the poor children it will be

donated to the Associated Charities. Misses Ramser and Giles impress upon the public in their communication appearing at the head of this column three points that should be borne in mind: Where names have been supplied that there is an obligation assumed that should not be overlooked under any circumstances; if you desire to aid with a subscription of money that you have it in not later than 4 p. m. Thursday, and if you want the names of poor children you have your application in not later than 4 o'clock of the same day.

Big Day at the Colonial.
Manager I. N. Martin, who is contributing today's receipts of the Colonial theatre to The Argus Santa Claus fund, said at noon it looked like a big day for the house. The ticket office does not open until 2 p. m., but before noon nearly one hundred tickets had been sold. One man laid a dollar at the box office window and said he did not want any change.

The Colonial night performances run from 7 to 10:30. The main picture for today, including tonight, is "A Cowboy's Vindication." The Colonial also has an orchestra and an illustrated song singer. If you have not yet visited this pretty little house you now have an opportunity to do so in the assurance that your admission is going towards the fund to help make Christmas a happy one for the poor children of Rock Island. The admission is only 5 cents.

Personal Points

A. J. Beverlin has returned from a business visit in Alabama.

Frank Watts has returned from Kansas City, where he has been located several months.

Mrs. E. F. Bartholomew returned last night after a several weeks' stay at Sunbury, Penn.

Dale Hayes has returned from the Missouri School of Mines to spend Christmas with his parents.

Miss Florence McCandless will arrive home tomorrow from Lake Forest college for the holidays.

Miss Nina Munger left today for Pueblo, Col., where she will spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Hazel Munger.

W. H. Kneale, formerly of this city, has returned to his home at Woodside, Mont., after a visit of several weeks here.

Robert Marshall has arrived home from Shattuck academy to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marshall.

Captain W. A. Rosenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strauss and C. D. Rosenfield will leave Thursday for Old Point Comfort to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McHugh and daughter, Elizabeth, of Chicago, will sail soon after the first of the year on the steamer, Blucher, for a three months' cruise to South America. Starting from New York they will sail around the continent to Valparaiso and return, stopping at all the principal coast cities.

Captain and Mrs. J. M. Beardsley and George E. Bailey have departed on a trip through the south that will keep them in that section the remainder of the winter. They will visit various battlefields on which Messrs. Beardsley and Bailey fought during the civil war. They will return home by steamer in the spring.

FORMERLY AT WATERTOWN

Dr. F. B. Clarke, New Head of Dunning Hospital, Chicago.

Dr. F. B. Clarke, who has just been appointed superintendent at Dunning, the Cook county hospital, until Jan. 1, 1911, was an assistant physician at the Watertown hospital. Dr. Clarke was stationed at this Watertown institution three years.

DAMAGE SCHOOL IN CLASS PRANK

Juniors and Sophomores Enter High School Building and Sling Paint.

EVEN UP WITH THE SENIORS

Result Is That Principal Burton Orders Change in Order of Use of Gymnasium by Students.

The school spirit was stretched pretty far last night when the high school building was twice entered through a window and serious mischief perpetrated in the gymnasium. Yesterday a couple of senior boys gained entrance to the gymnasium while school was in session, and succeeded in throwing a hook, to which the senior colors were attached, so that it caught upon the wire cage which protects the electric lights at the ceiling. It was impossible to take them down before the games last evening, and they were played with the colors flying. Angered by this, the juniors and sophomores planned to get even, and the work last night was the result.

Some of the junior boys crowded through a window in the gymnasium balcony, and, armed with some red and white paint, attacked the banking board behind the basket. They first painted a large part of the board red, and then used the same brush to paint the rest with white, so that this morning the banking board presented a sorry appearance of maroon and pink. In commenting upon the affair, Principal A. J. Burton said this morning that the very fact that they used their brush in the red paint first showed what class of students they were. The worst of the affair, however, is that a lot of red paint was spilled on the floor, making it unfit for play.

Sophomores Follow Suit.

As though this were not enough, some sophomores also gained entrance to the building in the same manner, and, dragging a heavy extension ladder after them across the floor, they proceeded to duplicate the seniors' trick by placing their colors in the light cage. The floor again suffered from dragging the heavy ladder across it.

After these outbreaks by students of three classes, Mr. Burton decided that the tournament will not be finished, and that hereafter no one but squads chosen by the coach and manager will be allowed to use the gymnasium at any time. While this seems a radical measure, it will be enforced until Mr. Burton is convinced that the students are competent of taking care of the gymnasium. Mr. Burton is in position to know every one of the culprits in last night's affair, but what will be their fate is not as yet known.

JAIL IS NOW CLEAN

Sheriff O. L. Bruner States the Report of Miss Martin Exaggerated Conditions.

NOT AS BAD AS PAINTED

New Bedding Installed, Better Ventilation Provided and Prisoners Well Fed.

Sheriff O. L. Bruner stated this morning to a representative of The Argus that conditions at the county jail were not half as bad as pictured by Miss Vella Martin in her report to the state charities commission, of which she is the official representative. Her report was published last evening in The Argus, and it described the jail as a prison that would have been thought unfit even in the middle ages. Sheriff Bruner said: "This Miss Martin has given an entirely wrong impression of the Rock Island county jail, as the conditions here are not as dreadful as she represents them to be. She came to Rock Island after having, as she stated herself, visited only three or four jails, and as Rock Island's was by far the worst of these, she thought it must be the worst in the land. She gained a number of impressions that were not facts. For instance, she tells of a man dying in the jail after having suffered with typhoid fever and having endangered the health of the other inmates.

Expires at Hospital.
"Jerry Hickson, sent here as a vagabond, was the man she referred to. He arrived at the county jail at 11 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 11, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day he was sent to the hospital. He died several hours later, but I can't see how that casts any reflection upon the jail. Her story about sleeping conditions and about the impure air which the prisoners are forced to breathe has some foundation, it is true, but she has greatly exaggerated the facts. The building has been thoroughly cleaned during the past month, there are no disagreeable odors in the air, the prisoners have been organized to fight what vermin there is and which cannot be got rid of, and the sleeping conditions have been improved. I have seen to it that all the old ticks were thrown out and that new ones, with clean straw, have been installed. The prisoners have no complaint to make as to the amount of food which they are given. I am not opposed to a new jail, but I believe

the present one is serving the purpose very well now."

ALL DAY TELEGRAPH SERVICE ON SUNDAY

Manager Huffington of Postal inaugurates Improvement in Rock Island.

S. H. Mudge, the new manager of this district for the Postal Telegraph company, yesterday afternoon paid a visit to Manager Huffington at the local office. As a result Mr. Huffington was authorized to employ another operator and to make other improvements that will give the Postal company's patrons better service. One of the first changes announced was the opening of the local office all day on Sunday. In future the hours on Sunday will be from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Heretofore the office has been open only two hours in the forenoon and two in the afternoon. One of Manager Huffington's first acts when he assumed charge here a few months ago was to extend the night service, in which the Western Union promptly followed. Mr. Huffington's efficiency as a manager has been demonstrated in other ways and the result has been greater convenience for the public.

FAMILY IS MISSING

George Forster, Salesman, Leaving Shortage of \$100, Disappears from City.

GOING BACK TO ENGLAND?

Had Been Employed Since Last July by the Grand Union Tea Company of Davenport.

George Forster, 1020 Second avenue, this city, a salesman for the Grand Union Tea company, Davenport, has been missing since Thursday of last week, and it is believed he is on his way back to his old home in Liverpool, England, with his family, consisting of his wife and two daughters. The Grand Union Tea company claims that it is out \$100 in cash, and merchandise also.

Forster had been employed by the Davenport company since last July. With his wife and two children he occupied rooms at a house at 1020 Second avenue. Forster drove a wagon for the Davenport concern, delivering teas and coffees and making collections from his customers in Moline, East Moline, and Silvis. He was a successful salesman and stood high with his employers.

Wife Displays Tickets.

The Davenport police department, upon investigation, has learned that Mrs. Forster more than a week ago showed two tickets to Liverpool to some friends. It is understood that the family had run a number of bills here and that these were left unpaid.

MURRAY ADVANCED

Popular Rate Clerk of the Rock Island Is Appointed Commercial Agent Here.

SUCCESSOR TO E. L. GOFF

New Representative of Freight Department Has Been With Company Since 1884.

Thomas J. Murray, for the past nine years rate clerk in the local office of the Rock Island road, has been advanced to the position of commercial agent, to succeed E. L. Goff, who became division freight agent at Davenport Dec. 1. Mr. Murray was called to the office of H. A. Snyder, general freight agent of the road in Chicago yesterday, and after a short conference the position of commercial agent was offered and accepted, taking effect at once. Mr. Murray's territory will be named tomorrow.

Mr. Murray began his career in the railroad business May 22, 1884, as night telegraph operator at Tiskilwa.

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We engrave all articles free of charge.

HANDSOME CLOCKS

This department is one of the most attractive in Rock Island, covering a great range of designs, including beautifully finished wood cases, handsomely decorated iron cases and beautiful things in bronze, brass, gilt, crystal, etc.

HAND-PAINTED CHINA

This department is specially fortunate, having just been enriched by the addition of hundreds of new pieces never before shown in the city.

STERLING SILVERWARE

This department is fortunate in being able to present a great variety of attractive new designs, including the famous Gorham productions. Pieces range in size from small things at \$1 up to handsome family chests.

TOILET SETS

We invite attention to the great variety of pleasing things in silver-mounted toilet sets, manicure sets and other pieces of a similar nature. Our prices will be found unusually attractive.

OPEN EVENINGS.

If you get it at Bleuer's, it's right.

1702 Second Avenue

Rock Island

TEAMSTER MAY BE FATALLY INJURED

Earl Gaylord, 1430 Fortieth Street at St. Anthony's Hospital in a Serious Condition.

Earl Gaylord, a youth living at 1430 Fortieth street, met with an accident today that may result fatally. He is employed as a teamster. Early this morning he hitched up his team and started to work. He was driving along Fourteenth avenue when in some manner his horses became frightened and ran away. They ended up against a tree alongside the street and Gaylord was precipitated to the pavement. Several of his ribs were broken, and it is thought by the attending physician that his lungs were pierced by the broken ends, and he is in danger of dying. He is now at St. Anthony's hospital, where he was taken in the ambulance as soon as possible after the accident.

A New Daughter.

A new daughter was welcomed this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sackville, 1016 Sixteenth avenue.

GETS DIVORCE FROM DESERTING SPOUSE

Mrs. Dorothea Rohwer of Moline was granted a decree of divorce from her husband, John Rohwer, by Judge E. C. Graves in the circuit court this morning. The suit was based upon the grounds that Rohwer had deserted his wife and failed to support her. B. E. Bell appeared as attorney for the plaintiff. The decree was signed by the judge as soon as the testimony in the case had been heard.

Walter A. Thomas of this city has filed a suit for divorce from his wife, Mary Thomas. In the petition it is alleged that Mrs. Thomas deserted her husband two months and three days after their marriage, which took place in this city Aug. 10, 1908. J. B. and J. L. Oakleaf represent Mr. Thomas.

START ELECTRIC SOUTHERN TRAINS

Trolley Service Formally Established Between Rock Island and Monmouth

TWO DAILY FOR PRESENT

Schedule to Be Tentative Until Line Is Thoroughly Tested—Run to Heart of City Soon.

After numerous delays, electric service finally was inaugurated today on the Rock Island Southern, the first car arriving in this city from Monmouth at 10 o'clock this morning, and leaving half an hour later on the return.

For the present, to the end of this week at least, daily two cars will be started from either end of the line. The first week will necessarily be in the nature of a test of the line preliminary to the establishment of a regular schedule. Until the schedule is settled, each day the cars will arrive in Rock Island at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., and will depart from here at 10:30 a. m. and at 4:30 p. m.

The local terminal for the electric cars will be at Fourth avenue and First street. The steam trains will continue on the same schedule as was announced when the road was opened a few months ago. The steam trains run to the Twentieth street depot of the Rock Island road.

May Use Rock Island Track.

A representative of the Southern is quoted as saying that negotiations are under way with the Rock Island in the hope of securing the consent of the officers of the latter road for the electrification of one of its tracks from Fourth avenue and First street to the Twentieth street depot. "Railroads operated by steam generally object to the electrification of their tracks through their yards," the statement reads. "The Rock Island road has taken this position with reference to the Southern. Of course we would prefer an independent entrance along First avenue, but since it appears we can't get one, we will be obliged to do the next best thing. The Rock Island road officials doubtless know of the efforts we have made in this direction, and appreciating the necessity for our getting our electric trains into the heart of the city, may yet be induced to allow us to electrify one of the leads from the west part."

DISORDERLY HOUSE FIGHT; BLOOD FLOWS

Ugly Encounter in Early Morning in Resort on Twenty-First Street—Combatants Fined.

A bloody encounter took place at an early hour this morning in a disorderly house on Twenty-first street between Second and Third avenues, be-

Cut Out and Mail to The Argus

I will agree to buy Christmas gifts for..... poor children. I desire that the names of the poor children, together with their ages and addresses, be furnished me through The Argus Santa Claus Fund committee.

Name

Address

A Practical Christmas Suggestion

For Men, Women, Boys and Girls.

Holeproof Hosiery

Six pairs guaranteed for six months.

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We are able to give you not only cloth of the highest grade and your choice of exclusive and novel fashions, but a superiority of workmanship, neatness of shape and dependability of wearing service that spell greater value than can be obtained from any clothing store at the same price, or from the average tailor for almost twice the money.

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